



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2818

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

ATTN: Mail Stop Amendment

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2004, the time period for response having been extended from December 27, 2004 until January 27, 2005 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time. In the prosecution of the application identified above, please consider the following: